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Strausberg-Eggersdorf RoadPLACE
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1. [redacted] the following amounts of money were
spent by the Secretariat for Motor Traffic and Roads between 1 January
and 25 August 1954: 25X1

Project	Allocation (in eastmarks)	Amount Spent (in percentage figures)
Total Budget	54 million	57 %
Main projects	52.3	57.5 %
Auxiliary "	1,722,000.-	44.8 %
Culture	380,000.-	67.3 %
Social welfare	365,000.-	57.7 %
Health	26,000.-	75.1 %
Training	951,000.-	30.3 %

2. In detail, the following sums were spent on the most important construction projects:

Construction Project	Sum Made Available (in eastmarks)	Amount Spent (in percentage figures)
Frankfurt II	6,940,000	63.7 %
Elbe River Bridge		
near Riesa	3,500,000	54 %
Bridge over the Kleine Striegis	1,900,000	74 %
River near Schlegel		
Road bypass at Lauchhammer	2,160,000	61 %

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3. In the field of bridge construction work expenditure plans were fulfilled 61.7 %; in the field of road construction work 51.9 % and in the field of investments for road construction and maintenance enterprises 45.8 %. 1

4. On 3 September 1954, a conference was held between representatives of the State Secretariat for Motor Traffic and Roads and the SED Central Committee on the construction of the Strausberg-Eggersdorf road, a project sponsored by the GDR Ministry of the Interior. The firm charged with the execution of the project, VEB Strassenbau Potsdam, had requested a special credit for the payment of the wages due its workers. The Deutsche Invest Bank (German Investment Bank) (DIB) had, however, blocked all credits for the construction project involved because the standing orders for the planning of construction projects had not been adhered to. After the conference, the representatives of the Central Committee induced the DIB to lift the ban on credits for the project. 2

1. Comment. The total 1954 budget of the State Secretariat for Motor Traffic and Roads amounts to 54 million eastmarks. Of this sum, 4 million have been made available for the Main Administration for Motor Traffic, and 50 million for the Main Administration for Roads, the latter sum to be spent on road and road bridge construction projects and social welfare and training purposes. For latest information on the financial fulfillment of projects of the State Secretariat involved,

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2. Comment. In connection with the new course, all budgets of East German administrative agencies were drastically cut. For this reason, construction projects of the 1954 road and road bridge construction program work which had not yet been started were to be eliminated altogether for this year. The Strausberg-Eggersdorf road is being built by order of the Ministry of the Interior for the KVP and therefore enjoys first priority. KVP headquarters are located at Strausberg.

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